

DELTA PROTECTION COMMISSION MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE 2008

Planning Advisory Team Charge

Updated based on September 9, 2008, meeting

Overview

The Delta Protection Commission (DPC) is updating its Land Use and Resource Management Plan. Per direction of the DPC, project activities are already underway. These have included the review of major Delta planning initiatives and existing plans, a mini-assessment of key stakeholders, and two public meetings. The project workplan also includes use of a Planning Advisory Team (PAT) to assist staff and the consulting team with identifying important update issues and to provide direction on potential approaches. The PAT, comprised of experts in the areas noted below, has formally noticed meetings, although it is not a sub-committee of the Delta Protection Commission. Update background materials maybe found at <http://www.delta.ca.gov/plan/management.asp>

Purpose

The PAT's purpose is to better define update issues and suggest potential approaches for addressing them. Team products will be used in public workshops and ultimately be brought forward for the full Commission's consideration.

Membership

Areas of policy expertise needed for the PAT were identified as:

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| 1. Local and regional government – north, south, and west Delta | 3. Water resources and flood control – local and state perspectives |
| 2. Agriculture – local and state perspectives | 4. Planning and policy development |
| | 5. Recreation and habitat |

People were then selected to represent these areas. The PAT consists of key stakeholders, members of the DPC with expertise in the noted areas, and DPC executive staff. Members and alternates include:

1. Don Nottoli, Sacramento County
2. Mike McGowan, Yolo County (Alternate: Doug Brown, Douglas Environmental)
3. Mary Piepho, Contra Costa County (Alternate: Roberta Goulart, CCC Water District)
4. Noah Tilghman, Department of Parks and Recreation
5. Lucia Becerra, Department of Boating and Waterways
6. Steve Shaffer, agriculture
7. Mark Wilson, Wilson Farms
8. Robert Ferguson, South Delta Reclamation Districts
9. Topper van Loben Sels, North Delta Reclamation Districts
10. Kathy Kelly, Department of Water Resources
11. Chuck Armor, Department of Fish and Game
12. Terry Roberts, Governor's Office of Planning and Research

Alternates

This is an advisory rather than a final decision making group. Even so alternates must be able to accurately represent the perspective of the member. Members and alternates are responsible for briefing each other and ensuring continuity between meetings so that other group members do not need to revisit ground that has already been covered.

Schedule

There will be up to four meetings during September 2008 to January 2009. Meetings will last 1-3 hours, be scheduled in consultation with your calendar, and be facilitated by the Center for Collaborative Policy.

The first meeting is September 9. Subsequent meetings will likely be scheduled during the following weeks:

Meeting 2: October 6-10

Meeting 3: November 3-7

Meeting 4 (if needed): January 12-15, 2009

Roles and Responsibilities

- DPC staff and the consulting team are responsible for compiling and providing work products for use by the Team
- The facilitation team is from the Sacramento State Center for Collaborative Policy and responsible for Team logistics and neutral facilitation and meeting management
- The PAT is responsible for active participation and ensuring fulfillment of the group charge
- The DPC is responsible for the review of key information and final decisions related to the update after receiving informed advice from the public, the PAT, staff and the consulting team.

Decision Making

This is an advisory rather than a final decision making group. In working with the Team the facilitators, staff, and consulting team will use a consensus-seeking approach and work diligently to find common ground on issues. To the extent this is possible, the DPC will be inclined to receive the recommendations favorably. If there are strongly divergent views, the PAT, staff and consulting team may consider presentation of more than one option for DPC consideration.

Ground Rules

Standing ground rules have been established for this process and will be utilized during the PAT sessions.

- USE COMMON CONVERSATIONAL COURTESY - *Don't interrupt; use appropriate language, no third party discussions, etc.*
- ALL IDEAS AND POINTS OF VIEW HAVE VALUE - *You may hear something you do not agree with or you think is "silly" or "wrong." Please remember that the purpose of the*

forum is to share ideas. The goal is to achieve understanding. Simply listen, you do not have to agree, defend or advocate.

- HONOR TIME - *We have an ambitious agenda, in order to meet our goals it will be important to follow the time guidelines given by the facilitator.*
- HUMOR IS WELCOME - *BUT humor should never be at someone else's expense.*
- BE COMFORTABLE - *Please feel help yourself to refreshments or take personal breaks. If you have other needs please let a facilitator know.*
- SPELLING DOESN'T COUNT
- CELL PHONE COURTESY
- AVOID EDITORIALS - *It will be tempting to analyze the motives of others or offer editorial comments. Please talk about YOUR ideas and thoughts*

Support

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